Book Notice

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The checklist in this pair of publications treats all native and naturalized species within the "Washington–Baltimore area," which represents a radius of about 50 miles from the Capitol in Washington, D.C. and includes the District of Columbia as well as 23 counties and 5 cities in Maryland and Virginia. "Species were accepted only on the basis of one or more voucher specimens in the D.C. Herbarium or a reliable published record" (the District of Columbia herbarium is a subunit of the US National Herbarium). As summarized in Part II, the documented D.C. flora now includes 1801 native species and 993 introduced species.

A related website (*http://www.nmnh.si.edu/botany/projects/dcflora/*) provides updates on the ongoing D.C. Flora Project and much other excellent information, including a bibliography, color photographs, spring-flowering records, links to useful sites related to the project, and a searchable Checklist database. The Checklist database returns full specimen data accessed by query to family, genus, species, collector, locality, state, or county. For example, an otherwise unrestricted query for Chenopodiaceae returned 148 records; a query for Asteraceae returned 7616 records; a query for Apiaceae in D.C. returned 183 records.—*Guy L. Nesom, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76102-4060, U.S.A.*